



In re Patent Application of

## Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit: 2872

**Examiner: CRAIG CURTIS**

**Confirmation No.: 4993**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, the following remarks respectfully submitted.

Page 3 of the Office Action suggests that a new rejection is being applied in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183, which is referred to as “Fukushima et al.” Applicants have observed that Fukushima et al. are not the inventors listed on U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183. In addition, the language of the rejection appears to be the same language previously set forth in the prior Office Action of October 17, 2003, which included a rejection in view of Fukushima et al. (JP 362200320).

In a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Curtis on June 4, 2004, the Examiner agreed that the Office Action did not appear to reflect a rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,511,183. As such, Applicants are unable to submit a substantive response to the Office Action. The Examiner indicated that a



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MS AMENDMENTS

In re Patent Application of

Koji Takahara et al.

Application No.: 10/003,216

Filing Date: December 6, 2001

Title: POLARIZATION CONVERSION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND POLARIZATION CONVERSION ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_,  
for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

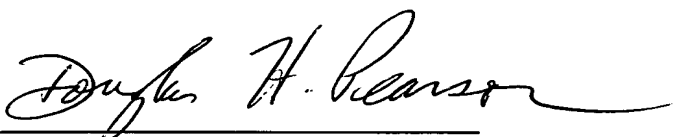
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